

CHAP. 72. the different county courts of this state, upon the conviction of any licensed ferry keeper for the nonperformance of his duties, to fine such ferry keeper, at their discretion, any sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars, in each and every case.

CHAP. LXXIII.

Passed Jan 10, 1815 *An Act to provide for the appointment of Commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Princess-Anne, in Somerset County.* Lib. TH. No. 4, fol. 503.

Supplements, 1816, ch. 135, and 1817, ch. 101.

Election of commissioners.

1. **BE IT ENACTED**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That five judicious and discreet persons, residing in the town or precincts of Princess-Anne, shall be elected by ballot, in the month of March eighteen hundred and sixteen, at the court-house in the said town, by the free male white house keepers or heads of families residing in the said town or precincts, or such persons holding real property therein, and the five persons who shall appear to have the greatest number of votes at the close of the election, shall be declared to be duly elected the commissioners of the said town and precincts, and shall have and exercise the several powers and authority delegated to them by this act.

Classification of commissioners.

2. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the commissioners so chosen shall assemble on the first Monday in April next ensuing their election, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, at the court-house in the said town, and arrange and number themselves into five classes, by lot, and the office of the commissioner of the first class shall determine at the expiration of one year after his election, the office of the commissioner of the second class at the expiration of two years, the office of the commissioner of the third class at the expiration of three years, the office of the commissioner of the fourth class at the expiration of four years, and the office of the commissioner of the fifth class at the expiration of five years; and the vacancy thus successively occasioned by the determination of their respective offices shall be supplied by the election of a judicious and discreet person, resident as aforesaid, to be made at the court-house in the said town, by the house keepers and others qualified to vote as aforesaid, in the month of April in every year, and the person elected shall remain in office for the term of five years, and the succession of the commissioners be so continued as that one commissioner shall be chosen annually.

Judges of elections.

3. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That any justice of the peace for the county aforesaid shall, in the first instance, be the judge of the said election, and shall return his certificate thereof to the said commissioners on the day first appointed for their meeting, and the same shall be filed and recorded among their proceedings; and at every subsequent election the commissioners of the said town, or a majority of them, shall be judges of such election, and the proceedings thereof shall be recorded under their direction; and every commissioner, before he shall proceed to open an election, shall take an oath, or affirmation, that he will faithfully and impartially permit every person to vote at such election who shall be qualified to vote for a commissioner of the said town, according to the directions of this act, and that he will not suffer any person to vote at such election who shall not in his judgment be qualified to vote as aforesaid.